

## TCCY Commission Meeting May 2021

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Location: TEAMS  
 Date: Friday, 5/21/2021  
 Time: 8:30 A.M. CDT

TCCY Staff		ABSENT	TCCY Staff		ABSENT
1	Richard Kennedy, Exec. Director		17	Melissa McGee	
2	Craig Hargrow, Deputy Exec. Director		18	Rosalyn Leavell- Rice	
3	Bill Latimer		19	Rose Naccarato	
4	Cory Bradfield		20	Russette Marcum-Embry	
5	Dana Cobb		21	Sherry Isom	
6	Gerald Papica		22	Steve Petty	
7	Gwen Wright		23	Sujit Das	
8	Jenn Croft		24	Sumita Keller	
9	Jerri Moore		25	Susan Cope	
10	Jill Stott		26	Vicki Taylor	
11	Jonquil Newland		27	Zanira Whitfield	
12	Kristi Paling				
13	Kylie Burns			<b>INTERNS:</b>	
14	Latasha Mitchell		28	Tristine Nguyen	<b>X</b>
15	Lea Brandon		29	Megan Easterling	
16	Lindsey Cody		30	Jenna Humberd	

Commission Members		ABSENT	Commission Members		ABSENT
1	Brenda Davis, Chair	<b>X</b>	12	Kelly Drummond	<b>X</b>
2	Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair		13	Makenzie Johnston	<b>X</b>
3	Allan Sterbinsky		14	Michael Rediker	
4	Altha Stewart		15	Petrina Jones-Jesz	
5	Amy Jones		16	Randy "James" Butler	
6	Ashley Dunkin	<b>X</b>	17	Rob Philyaw	
7	Cameron Carver		18	Sharon Green	
8	Charmaine Kromer		19	Stan Settles	
9	Ella Britt		20	Steven Neely	
10	Glenda Terry	<b>X</b>	21	Trey Jones	
11	Jennie Harlan				

# MINUTES

**Guests:** Deborah Taylor Tate, Administrative Director, AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
Stephanie Etheridge, Juvenile Court Manager, Statewide Judicial SBC (Safe Baby Courts) Coordinator, AOC  
Anne-Louise Wirthlin, Director of Access to Justice and Strategic Collaboration, AOC  
Cathy Sweeney, Executive Director, Wilson County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)  
Debbie Hobbs-Leftwich, Board Member, Advocate, Wilson County CASA

## **Welcome**

- Call to Order (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Introductions and Welcome of New Commission Members (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Roll Call (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)

## **Approvals and Actions**

### **Approval of February Full Commission Meeting Minutes**

Mortensen asked for a motion to approve the February 2021 Full Commission Meeting minutes.

***Sterbinsky motioned and Butler seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

## **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Reports and Office Updates**

### **Office Updates**

Kennedy reported TCCY updates to the Commission.

Shaun Noblit has left TCCY and is now an attorney with DCS (Department of Children's Services).

Mitchell will be leaving TCCY at the end of July to pursue a PhD in Chicago.  
Leavell-Rice will be retiring this summer and received a legislative resolution honoring her work with the State.

## **Second Look Committee**

Hargrow presented on the Second Look Committee. Hargrow gave detailed information on the individuals who comprise the committee as well as the purpose of the committee.

## **Resource Mapping**

Naccarato updated the Commission on Resource Mapping. Naccarato gave detailed information on the purpose of resource mapping and how data is gathered and reported out.

## **TCCY Dashboard**

Naccarato and Kennedy updated the Commission on the TCCY Dashboard. Plans are underway to transition the dashboard to an annual report.

## **Directors Report**

Kennedy reported that Davis, Mortensen, Harlan, and Drummond's commission terms will be ending.

Kennedy updated the Commission on TCCY's plans to return to working in the office. TCCY will be transitioning to a hybrid work from home model over the summer.

Kennedy updated the staff on BSB (Building Strong Brains) TN funds.

## **Committee Report Outs**

### **Budget and Data (Allan Sterbinsky, Chair)**

Sterbinsky updated the commission on the Budget and Data Committee meeting.

Kennedy gave a budget overview.

Isom reported on the financial status as of March 31, 2021. Isom updated the commission on CASA and KidCentral contracts. Isom is currently reviewing the appropriations bill.

### ***Mortensen moved to approve the budget.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

Naccarato updated the Commission on possible future changes to the Annie E. Casey funding.

## **Regional Councils (Ashley Dunkin, Chair)**

Sterbinsky updated the Commission on the Regional Councils' Committee meeting. The committee discussed CAD (Children's' Advocacy Days) 2021, the Paper Tiger movie screening, and Ethics and Aces meetings that have been held.

## **Children's Services (Amy Jones, Chair)**

Keller updated the Commission on HVLA (Home Visiting Leadership Alliance) and an invitation to speak from Start Early.

Petty updated the Commission on YTAC (Youth Transition Advisory Council).

Bradfield updated the Commission on YCWC (Young Child Wellness Council) and Zero To Three.

Croft updated the Commission on BSB and Knowledge Mobilization Teams. Croft reported McGee would now be handling the BSB T4T (Training For Trainers) events.

McGee updated the Commission on CCMH (Council on Children's Mental Health) and T4T.

Papica updated the Commission on Ombudsman activities.

## **Youth Justice (Rob Mortensen, Chair)**

Mortensen updated the commission on the Youth Justice Committee meeting. The committee discussed a new grants management system and compliance monitoring.

Hargrow reported his team is currently reviewing the OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) Title II solicitation. Hargrow reported Marcum-Embry is currently working on youth engagement.

## **Legislative (Rob Mortensen, Chair)**

Mortensen and Kennedy updated the Commission on policy briefs.

***Mortensen asked for a motion to approve that commission members names, the regions they represent, and who appointed them to the commission be on the policy briefs.***

***Sterbinsky moved and Philyaw seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

## **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Presentations**

### **Deborah Taylor Tate, Administrative Director, AOC**

Tate presented on the AOC to the Commission. The AOC's purpose is to be the administrator of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

### **Stephanie Etheridge, Juvenile Court Manager, Statewide Judicial SBC Coordinator, AOC**

Etheridge presented on Tennessee Safe Baby Courts to the Commission. SBC was first established in Davidson County in 2016. Currently there are twelve SBC sites. SBC's goals include preventing children from entering foster care, improving child safety, healing trauma, repairing parent/child relationships, and empowering communities.

### **Anne-Louise Wirthlin, Director of Access Justice, AOC**

Wirthlin presented on the Justice For All Tennessee Supreme Court Initiative. The TN Supreme Court made access to justice its number one strategic priority in December 2008. The strategic plan is detailed in TN Supreme Court Rule 50.

### **Cathey Sweeney, Executive Director, Wilson County CASA**

Sweeney presented on the CASA program in Wilson county. They have 70 advocates that serve 220 children each year. Sweeney discussed fundraising challenges they have faced since the COVID pandemic began.

### **Debbie Hobbs-Leftwich, Board Member, Advocate, Wilson County CASA**

Hobbs-Leftwich discussed her role as a board member and advocate for Wilson County CASA. Hobbs-Leftwich has served for a little over 5 years.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

***Mortensen asked for a motion to adjourn the May 2021 Commission Meeting.***

***Sterbinsky motioned and Philyaw seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

***Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. CST***

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Prepared by Lea Brandon